

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 77 were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 20 to 77 stand rejected as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 to 19 stand allowed.

Applicant has amended the description to properly reflect the status of the U.S. Patent Applications cited therein.

Claims 20 to 77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection stated in part "the claims do not explicitly claim the result on a computer readable medium."

While Applicant disagrees with the § 101 rejection, to move prosecution forward, independent Claims 20 and 35 have been amended to explicitly recite a computer readable medium. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of each of Claims 20 to 38.

With respect to independent Claims 39 and 58, the rejection mischaracterized these claims. These claims are directed to "An apparatus for executing an obfuscated application program." These claims recite the transformation required to determine an application program instruction to execute and the execution of that instruction. Thus, these claims are statutory. Nevertheless, again to move prosecution forward, Applicant has amended Claims 39 and 58 to make explicit that which was implicit in these claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of each of Claims 39 to 53 and Claims 58 to 72.

With respect to independent Claims 54 and 73, to move prosecution forward, Applicant has amended Claims 54 and 73 to make explicit that which was implicit in these claims. In particular, the obfuscated application program is stored in a computer readable medium. Applicant respectfully requests

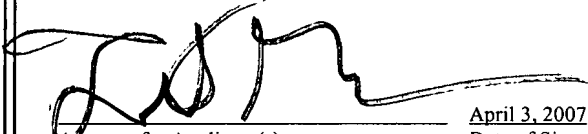
reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of each of Claims 54 to 57 and Claims 73 to 76.

Claim 77 has been cancelled.

Claims 1 to 76 remain in the application. Claims 20, 35, 39, 54, 58 and 73 have been amended. Claim 77 has been cancelled. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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